

# GM780

## NEIL SHIMABUKURO

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, NEIL SHIMABUKURO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Physical Therapy

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<b><u>Sort by Date</u></b>		<b>Status Text</b>
3/9/2012	S	Received.
3/9/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/19/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-03-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 780**  
**NEIL SHIMABUKURO**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 780 regarding the appointment of Neil Shimabukuro to the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board") as a Physical Therapist member. The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this appointment to the Board.

Mr. Shimabukuro is the owner and Principal Physical Therapist of Holomua Physical Therapy and is a licensed physical therapist in good standing. He has extensive training and experience in the physical therapy profession and has obtained a number of specialized certifications related to the profession.

Mr. Shimabukuro is particularly interested in maintaining and improving the standards of the physical therapy profession in the state through among other things, continuing education.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Shimabukuro will prove to be an asset to the State and to this Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senate District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Neil Shimabukuro's nomination to Board of Physical Therapy (GM 780)

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members,

I am writing as a personal friend to support the confirmation of Neil Shimabukuro to the Board of Physical Therapy.

I have known Neil for over 15 years. He is a consummate professional and is dedicated to his profession. There is no doubt that his knowledge and professionalism will be an asset to the Board of Physical Therapy.

Neil is also a compassionate and generous person who always is willing to give his time and services to serve the community. His volunteer work includes the giving of his services at fun runs and athletic contests, speaking at schools career days, serving the homeless at the Next Step Shelter, teaching Sunday school at his church, and coaching his children's soccer teams.

I believe that his professionalism and his compassion and generosity will be a good fit for the Board of Physical Therapy, and will help him balance the needs of patients, doctors, physical therapists, and medical providers.

I encourage you to confirm Neil's nomination so that he may once again serve his community.

Sincerely,

Danny Chan



# StayFIT Physical Therapy LLC

March 29, 2012

Senator Rosalyn Baker (D)  
Hawaii State Capital, Room 230  
Honolulu, HI. 96813

Re: Shimabukuro, Neil

Dear Senator Baker:

I am writing to you as a friend and colleague of Mr. Neil Shimabukuro, PT, MPT, OCS, COMT who has been nominated for a position on the State of Hawaii, Board of Physical Therapy.

I have known Mr. Shimabukuro for 8 years and would highly recommend him for this position. I know him to be an individual who takes pride in quality patient care and of high moral character. He is a poised individual who is able to make sound decisions.

I believe that Mr. Shimabukuro would be an asset to any team or committee.

Sincerely,

Chip Yamaguchi, MPT  
Co-Owner  
StayFIT Physical Therapy, LLC

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 9:30 AM  
State Capitol Room 229

Testimony of Tammi Chun

To the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

**GM 780 – Board of Physical Therapy**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to support the appointment of **Neil Shimabukuro** to the Board of Physical Therapy. I strongly support Shimabukuro's appointment to represent physical therapists.

I have known Shimabukuro as a personal friend since childhood. Shimabukuro is passionate about his work as a physical therapist and helping people. He has broad experience in physical therapy working in clinical settings, being a part of practices with multiple physical therapists, making home visits, conducting sales related to patients' physical therapy needs, and starting his own business as a sole proprietor of physical therapy.

Shimabukuro completed his Masters in Physical Therapy at the Western University of Health Sciences in Southern California. He has 12 years of experience in sports and orthopedic injuries. Shimabukuro is certified as an Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, Orthopedic Manual Specialist, Kinesiotaping Practitioner, and Strength and Conditioning Specialist. Most recently, Shimbukuro started Holomua Physical Therapy in Honolulu.

Shimabukuro brings a breadth of experience to the Board of Physical Therapy and would be an excellent member of the Board.

February 28, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider me for the current vacancy on the Board of Physical Therapy for the State of Hawaii.

I have a keen interest in the current and future state of my profession. I have been a physical therapist for 12 years and I have recently started my own private practice. I have worked in a variety of practice settings (hospital, rehabilitation centers, private practice, home physical therapy) and have served in various roles of oversight of my colleagues. My working knowledge in professional policies and regulations, makes me a viable representative for this position.

I am particularly interested in maintaining and improving the education and qualifications of existing and future licensed physical therapists for the betterment of healthcare in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to serve on the Board of Physical Therapy for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Neil Shimabukuro, PT, MPT, OCS, COMT